

**PATENT APPLICATION**

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 1637**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Michel DRANCOURT et al.

Group Art Unit: 1637

Application No.: 10/529,319

Examiner: D. THOMAS

Filed: February 17, 2006

Docket No.: 123296

For: MOLECULAR IDENTIFICATION OF BACTERIA OF GENUS STREPTOCOCCUS  
AND RELATED GENERA

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the March 13, 2009 Office Action, please consider the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** as reflected in the listing of claims; and

**Remarks.**